

The Poet's Corner.

Written expressly for the Massachusetts Ploughman.

A FRUITFUL EUD; OR, SOWING AND REAPING.

When but a boy I wandered in a wood one day,
In search of woodland flowers and ruddy berries wild,
And as I climbed a steep sassafras, that overlooked
My simple country home, I found round the spot
An apple tree of infant years, yet hardly grown,
In height about mine equal. I marked the spot,
And purposed with a boyish hope a fruitful tree,
As the summer days went by and pasted with a dewy frost,
A dewy frost the verdant hills, and waving fields

Of ripening grain, and kissed the orchard's russet fruit
With smiling eyes, my thots in wad'ring mode
From time.

To time ran up the forest hill, where lingered last,
And glowed the golden sunset light and set
The leafy wood, and where my striping tree
Drank in

The light and dew of heaven and deeper struck
Its roots.

And when the glowing sun descending in his course

Smote not the earth with Summer heat—in melted light
The darkened boughs, decked with the fields of ripened maize,

And meadows early mown, with Springfield's verdure clad.

With pastures closely grazed and brown and burdened trees
Of luscious Autumn fruits, and changing drapery

Of woods; one early Autumn day, when all the earth

Seemed radiant "neath the smile of heaven, with
blades of steel."

I chose at once, on the favorite tree that in my father's orchard stood, my favorite

Wester fruit.

That bough and with this bough of hope I climbed the hill.

Where stood my striping tree, and kneeling at

I plucked the bark until its life blood gently flowed,

And then, inserting with my boyish skill and pride

The bough, I closed and bound the wound with a green wad.

And left my seedling well to care for him.

Who's greatest is a seed time and harvest ne'er

When the winter snows had come and gone

And spring.

Adorned, he bough again, the wood crowned him again;

But, no! my bough a tender shoot had

I cumbered, but, no! a tender shoot had

Now, a youthful tree had nourished well

Its clasp,

And earth, natural, nature like of life and strength,

Had freely, in my breast,

Wore strong and large

And gave no pretensions of step, as th'ow the wild,

Das wad,

My shaded path I had me and home

Mr. wad, with a boyish pride of my success,

Mr. wad, the sunny days went by, in wakeful dreams,

Li wad, future trees burdened with golden fruits

And greenish marshland trees—my soul with thoughts

Strong desires stirred, to leave the quiet farm,

Enter the world's strife, and in its vicissitudes

To see the ends of truth, or virtue, or love

In earth's broad fields and harvest reaps of golden grain,

And when the leaves were over, in my spouse

And steel, I clung once more the leafy path;

But, no! the parent wad, the bough had shaken

And gave my wad friend an honored place among

The orchard trees.

And now from year to year

The leaves took from it its ample, burdened boughs,

And from the sun, had sweet, the other sour,

Li wad, in the corn the seeds of virtue,

And from the land, for then shadly sure,

Das wad,

In this present life and in the life to come

As in kind according as you sow,

In manhood, and in age "he was not

noted;

Das wad, not noted;

"Want, 'er you sow that shall you reap."

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Ladies' Department.

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A FAIR COMPENSATION.

A city clerk engaged to be married, having, between the ages of twenty-one and twenty-four, mastered three foreign languages, and having, therefore, been transferred from the outer office, where it was light and sunny, to the parlor, where all was rich and gay, and the work, all the time, correspondence and general management ten hours out of every twenty-four; for five years, longer, finally devoted to nature, and became

The junior partner, who commonly illustrated the human instincts of the firm, a skillful, and, however, a very modest, and "impossible," and sent for another adviser. This gentleman, mended matters by saying, "Three years and a total change of scene."

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